

## Message Text

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USIA/IOS: BOND  
S/S OPS: MLEMMON

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU NIACT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN NIACT IMMEDIATE  
INFO USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT:SUSPECT LETTER BOMB

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 04443

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED PER REFTEL REQUEST.

1. POST SHOULD CAREFULLY REMOVE SUSPECT LETTER TO OPEN  
AIR LOCATION AWAY FROM PAO RESIDENCE AND OTHER BUILDING  
AND PLACE IN ANY AVAILABLE PIT, DRAINAGE DITCH OR OTHER  
DEPRESSION. ALTERNATELY, IF AVAILABLE, SURROUND LETTER  
WITH SAND BAGS.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD POST ATTEMPT TO OPEN OR  
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STORE LETTER IN FILE CABINET OR SAFE SINCE ANY EXPLOSION  
COULD GREATLY MAGNIFY DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT DUE TO SHRAPNEL  
CREATED.

3. EFFECT EARLIEST NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL POLICE, MILITARY,  
OR FIREFIGHTING FACILITY WITH EXPLOSIVE ORDINACE DISPOSAL  
(EOD) CAPABILITY.

4. IN CASE OF NO EOD PERSONNEL, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN:

A. A PIT SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED THAT IS AT LEAST 3-4 FT DEEP. THE PIT SHOULD BE AWAY FROM ANY DWELLINGS OR OBJECTS THAT COULD BECOME FLYING MISSILES IN THE EVENT OF AN EXPLOSION.

B. AFTER THE PIT IS CONSTRUCTED, THE LETTER SHOULD BE SOAKED IN GASOLINE AND PLACED IN THE PIT.

C. A FUSE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED THAT IS AT LEAST 25 FT LONG OF PAPER OR EXCELSIOR. THE FUSE SHOULD LEAD FROM THE LETTER IN THE PIT (ON THE GROUND) FOR THE 25 FT.

D. THE AREA SHOULD BE CLEARED AND THE PAPER FUSE LIGHTED. NO ONE SHOULD BE CLOSE BY.

E. ONCE THE PAPER FUSE BURNS TO THE LETTER, THE GASOLINE WILL IGNITE AND IF THERE ARE ANY EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN THE LETTER, THE HEAT WILL DETONATE THEM.

5. THIS METHOD IS TO BE USED IF THERE ARE NO RPT NO EOD PERSONNEL WHO CAN SAFELY HANDLE THE DEVICE. NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN PERSONNEL WHO ARE UNTRAINED SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OPEN THE LETTER.

6. ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FUSE, ETC CAN BE DIRECTED TO ABIDJAN. IF ABIDJAN IS UNABLE TO RESOLVE CABLE THE DEPT. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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